

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VANESSA TOPAZ BAHR,

Defendant.

CR-17-06-GF-BMM

**ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND
GRANTING MOTION TO
CHANGE PLEA**

Defendant Vanessa Topaz Bahr appeared before United States Magistrate Judge John Johnston on April 12, 2017, and entered a plea of guilty to one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Judge Johnston entered Findings and Recommendations on April 12, 2017. (Doc. 28.)

Judge Johnston determined: (1) that Bahr was fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea; (2) that Bahr was aware of the nature of the charges against her and the consequences of pleading guilty to Felon in Possession of a Firearm as charged in the Indictment; (3) that Bahr understood her constitutional rights, and the extent to which she was waiving those rights by pleading guilty; and (4) that Bahr's plea of guilty was a knowing and voluntary

plea supported by an independent basis in fact establishing each of the essential elements of the offense charged in Count I of the Indictment. *Id.* at 1-2.

Judge Johnston recommended that this Court accept Bahr's plea of guilty to Felon in Possession of a Firearm as charged in the Indictment. *Id.* at 2. Neither party filed objections. The Court has reviewed Judge Johnston's Findings and Recommendations for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). The Court finds no error.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Johnston's Findings and Recommendations (Doc. 28) is **ADOPTED IN FULL**. Bahr's Motion to Change Plea (Doc. 15) is **GRANTED**.

DATED this 28th day of April, 2017.



Brian Morris
United States District Court Judge